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Marginal Column

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WITH the delivery of President Eisenhower's State of the Union message and the completion of the travels around Europe of the new Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, some of the frame-work of the new Republican foreign policy is beginning to emerge from the fog of speculation and debate. But what the President had to say on foreign policy generally has been overshadowed for the time being by his decision to cancel the orders to the United States Seventh Fleet to prevent attacks by the Chinese Nationalists on Formosa against the Communist-held mainland of China. The enthusiasm which this decision (which was leaked to the Press by several Senators three days before, much to the President's fury) has aroused in the United States and the dismay which it has created elsewhere, has given it an importance which it hardly deserves.

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IN June, 1950, when the Communist invasion of South Korea began, President Truman ordered the Seventh Fleet, as one of its many functions, to establish a *cordon sanitaire* around Formosa to neutralize it and prevent the spread of the impending conflict in Korea. In the intensive debates which have gone on among officials and diplomats in Washington for the past year on means of breaking the stalemate in Korea, the wisdom of continuing this policy has sometimes been questioned. At the same time other changes in policy such as the establishment of a naval blockade against the Chinese mainland, an amphibious attack against North Korea or the bombing of the Chinese bases in Manchuria have been considered and pigeon-holed. It has never been considered by the experts that permitting Chinese Nationalists to raid the mainland coast would make any significant difference to the strategic balance affecting Korea.

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THE Chinese Nationalists have an army of about 400,000 of which something less than two-thirds are infantry. Their air force has less than 300 planes, including transports, and their navy is still embryonic. There are a number of commando units and infantry deployed in the islands in the Formosa Straits and a certain amount of commando raiding has already occurred, although hitherto these raids have not been sanctioned by the American military advisers on Formosa. These same advisers have made it clear to Washington that the Chinese Nationalist forces are in no condition as yet to undertake full-scale operations against the mainland, even if the necessary shipping and aircraft could be found.

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THERE has been evidence recently to show that the Chinese Communists on the mainland have been reacting to the possibility that Nationalist raiding may increase in scale and effectiveness and have been moving troops and guns up to protect the coast opposite Formosa. Whether this is relieving Communist pressure in Korea or Indo-China is simply not susceptible of proof at the moment. What is clearly worrying thoughtful people in Washington and in the other capitals of the free world is not so much the President's action on the Seventh Fleet as its possible implications. It is feared, despite the President's disclaimer of any aggressive intention on the part of the United States, that in order to make the Nationalists a serious thorn in the flesh of the Chinese Communists it would be necessary to supply them with American ships, aircraft and other new equipment which, quite apart from the danger of creating the *casus belli* for a general war, could only be done at the expense of American military aid to NATO and other parts of the Far East. The prospect of trying to refill the bottomless pit of Chiang Kai-shek's armoury is, after the experience of 1945 to 1949, a depressing one, to say the least.

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IT is almost certain that President Eisenhower is quite aware of this danger. But it appears that the President, in consultation with Mr. Dulles and other members of his cabinet on his return journey from Korea last December, became convinced of the need to begin his administration with a resounding psychological blow aimed at restoring some American initiative in the cold war while at the same time assuaging the deep-seated sense of frustration in the American people about the stalemate in Korea. "Removing the wraps" from Chiang Kai-shek seemed to offer the safest and cheapest way of doing this.

Washington, February 9.

U.S. Seeking To Scrap Pact Giving USSR Japan Isles

LONDON, Monday (AP). — The U.S. has told Britain it favours scrapping the secret war-time pact ceding Japan's Kurile islands and South Sakhalin to Russia, informed sources said today. Britain was reported against the move, although ready to admit that the status of two islands in the Kurile chain is "doubtful."

In response to a British inquiry during a conference here last week, U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles outlined his Government's view. He reportedly explained that President Eisenhower was referring indirectly to the Kurile islands when in his State of the Union address he said that the new Administration could not approve "secret understandings permitting the enslavement" of any peoples.

A section of the Yalta pact kept secret at the time promised that the USSR would get back the Kuriles and South Sakhalin when peace was made with Japan. Russia occupied the islands at the end of the war. They had belonged to Russia before the Russo-Japanese war of 1904-05.

The view of the Foreign Office is that the intended American act of repudiation is academic at this time. For one thing, the informants said, Russia controls the islands in fact and in law (de facto and de jure.) For another, any one-sided repudiation of an international agreement by a major Western power would establish a bad precedent which the Russians too could easily emulate in the case, say, of Berlin.

The informants said Britain considers the position of Shikotin and Habbomai islands to be doubtful because it is not clear whether they belong to the Kurile group. They are shown on some maps to be within the group. On others they are shown outside the group.

Dulles 'Encouraged' By Trip to Europe

WASHINGTON, Monday (Reuter). — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles returned from Europe today "encouraged" by the prospects of European unity. Mr. Dulles and the Mutual Security Director Mr. Harold Stassen, landed here this afternoon after a ten-day tour of Western Europe. Within an hour of their arrival they called on President Dwight Eisenhower.

Mr. Dulles told reporters he "knew nothing" about a blockade of China. He had been told, he said, that there had been discussions on a counter-blow against Communist China.

In a prepared statement to the press Mr. Dulles said that he and Mr. Stassen would report to the President and to Members of Congress.

"At the moment we limit ourselves to saying that we are on the whole encouraged with what we have been told by the leaders of the six continental nations which have signed the treaty to create a European Defence Community," he said. "We do not minimize the difficulties confronted by those who have undertaken this great project but we believe that there is a responsible determination to bring the project to completion".

Egypt Chief of Staff On Pakistan Visit

KARACHI, Monday (AP). — A 12-man Egyptian goodwill military mission, headed by the Chief of Staff, Major-General Mohammed Ibrahim, arrived here today for a 15-day visit.

The mission was received by the Secretary of the Ministry of Defence, Iskandar Mirza, and high military officers. The General told pressmen he brought messages and greetings of goodwill from Premier Nagib to the Pakistan Premier, and said, "We are at home in a brother country." This evening the mission called on Premier Al-haj Khwaja Nazimuddin.

With the arrival of the mission, fresh moves to strengthen the already close ties of friendship between Pakistan and the Middle East countries were forecast by official political circles here. It was stated the forthcoming visit of the Pakistan Governor General to Saudi Arabia at Ibn Saud's invitation, and the exchange of press delegations between Pakistan, Turkey, Egypt and other Middle East countries indicate the growing desire of the states of this region to secure the maximum cooperation and understanding.

PACCIARDI REPORTS

ROME, Monday (AP). — Premier Alcide de Gasperi today received Defence Minister Randolfo Pacciardi, who reported on his recent trip to Egypt, following his return last night.

Britain Firm: Will Resist China Blockade

LONDON, Monday (AP). — Britain will firmly resist any proposal to blockade Communist China, the Foreign Office made plain today. A spokesman recalled that Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told Parliament four days ago: "We have said (to the U.S.) that we would think it would be a mistake to have a policy of blockade of China."

His statement at a daily news conference was prompted by newsmen who questioned him about Washington reports suggesting President Eisenhower's administration is pondering whether to blockade the China coast as part of its general Far Eastern policy. The spokesman said the Government has received no such official proposal from the U.S., and told a questioner: "We should expect to be consulted" before a decision of that sort was taken. He added: "I believe we would be."

The British Government obviously is concerned about published reports that serious U.S. consideration is being given to a blockade. That concern was reflected in the Foreign Office action today in commenting on a hypothetical question — an unusual step.

Officials listed five British objections to a blockade policy which, they said, Britain has made known to the U.S.

1. **It may delay the ending of the Korean war by broadening the area of conflict with People's China.**
2. **It may lead to dangerous incidents involving the Chinese Communists and Soviet shipping and submarines.**
3. **It would not affect substantially Communist China's war potential because less than one-fourth of her foreign trade is seaborne and most of her military supplies come overland from Russia.**
4. **It might upset such Asian supporters of U.N. police action in Korea as India, Indonesia and Burma, which still trade with the Chinese Communists.**
5. **It might lead to retaliatory Communist action against Hong Kong living next to China. The British believe their island colony serves as the Allies' best listening-post into China and that it would be harmful to the Allies to lose it. The British, too, have been doing many millions of dollars worth of business monthly with Communist China through Hong Kong.**

No 'Frontal Attack' In Korea, Taft Says

WASHINGTON, Monday (AP). — Senator Robert Taft (Ohio) said at the White House today that the Administration apparently is not considering a "frontal attack" against the Communists in Korea.

The Senate's Republican floor leader made this statement to newsmen who questioned him when he came from a legislative conference with President Eisenhower. He said there were ways to bring pressure on the Chinese Communists other than by direct assault on their troops in Korea. Mr. Taft has advocated a naval blockade of China. He said he had favoured generally the plan of General Douglas MacArthur for bringing pressure against the Communists by bombing Manchuria, using Chinese Nationalist troops and blockading the China mainland.

Churchill Not in Favour Of Big Three Meeting

LONDON, Monday (UP). — Prime Minister Churchill told the Commons today that he did not think that a meeting between Marshal Stalin, President Eisenhower and himself would help, at the moment, to end the cold war.

He was reminded by Mr. Emrys Hughes (Labour) that he had made several important pre-election speeches in which he pressed for a Top Three meeting. "Is the Prime Minister aware that Marshal Stalin early this year declared himself favourable to such a meeting?" Mr. Hughes asked.

"We must try to understand the general position as it moves," Mr. Churchill replied. "I think we in this country would feel very severe domestic preoccupations making it difficult to have conversations with heads of governments, if, for instance, so many of our best doctors were being charged with poisoning so many of our best politicians."

Gov't to Advance Several Millions for Relief Works

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson, told trade unions heads here today that the Government would be obliged to advance several million pounds to Municipalities and local councils for unemployment relief projects. She said there was strong opposition by economists to such palliative solutions to the jobless problem, but she added, "We can't ignore the fact that human beings are involved."

Addressing a session of the Executive Committee of the Histadrut, Mrs. Myerson traced the unemployment situation to the Government's decision a year ago to balance the entire Ordinary Budget including security items, from internal revenue, and not to increase currency in circulation by printing new money.

The Minister said the direct causes of worklessness were the shortage of foreign currency needed to supply industry with raw materials, and the lack of funds which prevented the full implementation of the Development Budget, providing for housing, road building, settlement, and the development of industries, mines, water and transportation.

Asked later privately whether her statement that money would have to be advanced to local authorities for public works implied relaxation of the Government's stand against inflation, Mrs. Myerson said firmly, "No!"

The Minister said in her opening statement that the money would come from the Development Budget, and in her closing remarks she pointed out that all the income from the proposed levy or compulsory loan on property would go for the Development Budget. The Histadrut Secretary-General, Mr. Mordecai Namir, who is also a Mapai member of the Knesset, urged her to ask the Government to revise the draft bill to provide for the collection of the tax or loan over a period of two years instead of three so that tens of millions of Pounds would become available

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Histadrut to Raise IL.6m. for Projects

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Details of a Histadrut plan to raise IL.6,000,000 for projects to provide work were given today by the Treasurer, Mr. Itzhak Haskin. He said that the Workers' Bank would be asked to establish a fund from trade unions' insurance and provident funds to provide credits for Histadrut enterprises, while local authorities and other public bodies would be asked to carry out projects to absorb the jobless.

Mr. Haskin said the fund would mobilize at least double, and perhaps four times, that amount. He added that the newly-formed Histadrut Employment Department would recommend projects in close cooperation with the Ministry of Labour, but that the Workers' Bank, who would guarantee the security of the funds, would be the final authority on the conditions of appropriation.

Mr. Z. Onn, secretary of Hevrat Ovdim, the holding company of all Histadrut industries, disclosed that the Agricultural Workers' Union had last night undertaken to employ 5,000 jobless in collective settlements of the Mapai-backed "Ihud Hakvutzot ve-Hakibbutzim" and in cooperative settlements. Mr. Onn added that 10,000 might be employed in Histadrut building and industrial enterprises, if plans were approved.

Mr. Beri Repetur (Mapam) called for immediate steps to end unemployment. He said the IL.6,000,000 should be augmented by IL.3,000,000 from the Solel Boneh contracting office and that this money should be used only for wages.

IL.200,000 Loan to Aid Tel Aviv Jobless

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Ministry of Labour has approved a IL.200,000 loan to the Tel Aviv Municipality for unemployment relief, to which sum the city's treasury will add IL.50,000, it was announced today.

The money will provide 18,750 working days which will be offered by the Labour Exchange to 250 persons a day. Of these, 130 are to be employed on planting jobs, while the others will be engaged on sewage and road repair work.

Unemployment figures rose by 300 to 18,330 during the week ending January 30, a Ministry of Labour spokesman announced last night. Haifa remained the worst hit spot with 2,628 jobless.

Other main centres of unemployment were Tel Aviv with 2,150 jobless, Jerusalem with 1,913, Ramat Gan 1,127, and Petah Tikva 1,003.

BUNCHE LEAVES ISRAEL

Dr. Ralph Bunche left Israel yesterday morning through Mandelbaum Gate, for a short visit to Jordan en route to Egypt. He had spent two days in Israel at the invitation of the Government.

(Photograph, Page 6)

Watersnood 1953 Reaches IL.7,000

A total of IL.7,000 has been donated in Israel to Watersnood 1953, the fund for the flood victims in Holland.

Mr. M. Namir announced at a meeting of the executive committee of the Histadrut yesterday that a contribution of IL.4,000 was being made to the trade union and cooperative movements of Holland, Belgium and Great Britain for the victims of the floods.

Trade Treaty With Holland Signed

A one-year £Im. commercial agreement between Israel and Holland was initialled in Jerusalem yesterday by Dr. C.W. Insinger on behalf of a Dutch trade delegation and Mr. M. Bar-Tur, head of Economic Department of the Foreign Ministry, on behalf of Israel.

The agreement will come into force as soon as it is approved by both governments.

Holland will export to Israel seeds, chemicals, food, raw materials for textiles, heavy industrial products, machinery and industrial raw materials. Israel will export citrus and citrus products, chemical raw materials, textiles and fashion goods, religious articles and various industrial products.

A Finnish trade delegation is due to arrive in Israel on Wednesday to negotiate a trade pact.

Religious Authority Reform Postponed

By Sraya Shapiro

The Knesset was all but united yesterday in thinking that the services provided by the Religious Community Councils were deficient and needed a thorough and speedy overhaul, but agreed with the Deputy Minister of Religions, Dr. Z. Wahrhaftig, that action on the matter should be postponed until the Cabinet had presented the Religious Services Bill, promised almost four years ago.

The occasion for the three-hour debate was Dr. Wahrhaftig's request for the renewal for one year of a law passed in the summer of 1949, giving legal status to the Religious Councils of the Jewish Community as then constituted. The Bill was referred for a second reading to the Interior Committee with the Communists and Dr. Sneh's Group opposing and Herut abstaining.

The shades of discontent with the present state of affairs varied from violent attacks by Dr. H. Landau (Herut) and Mr. E. Peri (Mapam) to the mild and cautious statements that a new legislative proposal be brought before the Knesset as soon as possible, spoken by the religious parties' speakers, Mr. M. Chazani, Rabbi M. Nurock, Mr. S. Lorincz and Rabbi K. Kahane. Everybody said a change was imperative, even Dr. Wahrhaftig, who blamed "certain differences of opinion within the Cabinet" for the delay in presenting the Bill.

The main problems are understood to be the status of the Rabbinical Courts in the general legal framework in the State and civil marriage.

The status of Agudat Israel, which does not recognize the authority of the Knesset Israel Rabbinate, is also a thorny question. It is generally agreed that the Religious Councils are badly run, their composition fortuitous, and their finances unintelligible. "No budgets without public control," Mr. Landau said, asserting that there was no supervision of expenditure by the 171 recognized Religious Councils. Mr. A. Khalfon (Mapai) former Town Clerk of Haifa denied that this was true in the case of Haifa, where the Municipal Council had always discussed the Religious Services budget. He hoped, however, that new immigrants would be admitted to the Religious Councils, to which no elections had been held for many years. The Yemenite Mr. S. Greidi and the Sephardi Mr. E. Eliashar (both General Zionists) deplored the Ashkenazi "hegemony" in Religious affairs, while in the eyes of Dr. E. Rimalt, also General Zionist, who is headmaster of a secondary school, the rites of marriage and burial, as laid down by Religious Councils at present, were "offensive."

The two women who spoke in the debate, Miss A. Maimon and Mrs. D. Netzer (both Mapai), reiterated their old request that women be allowed to share the responsibility for religious affairs.

There was practically nothing new in the debate. Much of it was a repetition, almost word for word, of the debate, four years ago, on the prolongation of the Law. Members realized the fact, and many said so in their remarks from the floor, without expressing their hope that the position would shortly change. The practical Rabbi Kahane said the time limit on the law should therefore be abolished; There was no point in limiting a law to one year when everybody knew no substitute for it would be forthcoming.

Immigrants Will Quit Arab College Building in Week

The Arab College building in the Government House demilitarized zone will be evacuated within a week by the Israel citizens who sought shelter there. A Foreign Ministry spokesman announced last night that "the Government agreed to comply with the request of the United Nations representatives and to undertake the evacuation of the Arab College building situated in no-man's-land by the Israel citizens who had taken shelter there".

This announcement came after a day of some tension in Jerusalem, heightened by exaggerated Arab reports of an "ultimatum" which was to have expired at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The Cabinet met in extraordinary session for the second time within a week to discuss the strained frontier situation and Prime Minister Ben Gurion again interrupted his holiday to attend. It is believed that the decision on the Arab College was taken at the meeting, although no communique was issued.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman, in reply to a question, said that no ultimatum had been received or brought to the attention of the Government. The matter was entirely one between the Government of Israel and the representatives of the U.N.

"The Government took its decision in consideration of its responsibility to fulfil the terms of the Armistice Agreement and without any pressure whatever being exercised," he emphasized.

(Picture — Page 4)

After a lull of several days, infiltrators resumed their activities along the Jordan armistice line on Saturday and Sunday nights, the Army spokesman said in Tel Aviv yesterday. In the "Triangle" and Jerusalem Corridor areas seven cows, saplings and tools were stolen.

NEGEV MARAUDERS

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Two cows and a calf were stolen on Saturday from a settlement in the Negev; they were found the following day hidden among bushes in a wadi near the border. Police found the stolen animals while following the tracks of six men. While the cows were being taken back to the settlement three Arabs were observed in the vicinity. They were shot at, but fled over the lines.

On the same night two cows, valued at IL.900, were stolen from a barn in the North. Traces of several men led towards the Jordan border.

Syrian Arabs Plough Kibbutz Land

TIBERIAS, Monday. — Arabs living on the Syrian side of the border near Tel Katzir started ploughing part of the kibbutz land this week.

Israel delegates to the Mixed Armistice Commission demanded that U.N. take steps to stop the ploughing. So far, U.N. observers' intervention has brought no results and the Arabs are still ploughing.

Farming at Latrun

RAMLE, Monday.—Either both Israel and Jordan farmers are permitted to work lands in the Latrun demilitarized area, or neither should be permitted to farm the lands, Israel is understood to have informed U.N. officers.

Settlers of Shalhevet Kibbutz, near the demilitarized zone, began farming the area on Sunday.

Approached by U.N. officials, an Israel representative pointed out that the Arabs had been tilling land in the zone for some time past without Israel consent. A complaint had been lodged with the M.A.C., but no reply had been received.

It is understood that the Israel delegate to the M.A.C. had pointed out to the U.N. official that regulations regarding the demilitarized zone should be made equally applicable to both sides, and that as long as Jordan's farmers worked in the area, Israel farmers should be allowed to continue there also.

Soviet Legation in T.A. Bombed; Three Hurt

TEL AVIV, Monday. — A strong explosion shook the Soviet Legation here at 10.10 tonight, injuring three members of the Legation staff, one seriously. The explosion was caused by a bomb or a quantity of explosive material apparently thrown through the window of a rear, ground-floor room. The police stated that one woman was seriously injured and another woman and a man slightly injured and sent home after treatment.

The names of those injured were not revealed tonight, but it is rumoured that the slightly injured woman was Mme. Yershov, wife of the Minister. She and the man were sent home after hospital treatment, while the seriously-injured woman was detained in hospital after an operation.

Questioned whether he thought the explosive was placed inside or outside the building, a Legation official answered nervously: "Of course it was a bomb, can't you see, someone came and threw the bomb".

Police were not summoned by the Legation staff, but arrived on the spot shortly after the explosion was heard. A police statement said that the explosion appears to have originated in the yard of the Legation and resulted in broken windows and shutters torn off their hinges. Some of the windows on the ground and first floors of the east side of the building were damaged, the statement said.

Extra-Territorial

The police are now investigating, with senior officers, including the Inspector General, Mr. Y. Sahar, at work at headquarters tonight. Mr. Sahar told *The POST* that as the building was extra-territorial, the police had not been allowed to enter.

The explosive appears to have been thrown through the windows of a ground-floor office room at the south-east corner of the building. The person, or persons, apparently gained entry to the Legation grounds by making, and climbing through, a hole in the wire fence separating the Legation from the house at 4 Rehov Ramchal and approaching the corner nearest this point.

The ground-floor room was wrecked, with all windows smashed, shutters wrenched off their hinges and left bulging outwards, with a large hole in one shutter which took the main force of the blast. Police said, unofficially, that a crater had been found in the grounds outside this room, and thought that the explosive might have been deposited on the ground, but the damage inside the building seemed to rule this out.

The interior of the room was a shambles. The long work table along one wall had been piled up with papers which lay scattered. Concrete from the walls and part of the ceiling and wooden door frames littered the floor.

The room above, on the first floor, was also badly damaged by the blast, with its windows and shutters hanging broken from their hinges. Other rooms nearby appeared only slightly damaged.

Houses within a radius of several hundred metres had their windows blown out by the blast, and those in the immediate vicinity, especially in Rehov Ramchal facing the Legation garden, were badly damaged. Residents of some of the apartments reported narrow escapes: in one, a two-year-old baby had been lying on his bed in a corner of the room when the window blew in on him, showering him with glass splinters. He was shaken, but unhurt.

Other neighbours were slightly hurt by flying glass. An hour after the explosion the area around rang with the sound of glass being swept up and thrown into dustbins.

Government Voices Horror, Detestation

HAKIRYA, Monday. — The "horror and detestation" of the Government of Israel were expressed in a statement issued by the Foreign Ministry here tonight on the bombing outrage at the Soviet Legation. The text of the statement follows:

The Government views with horror and detestation the dastardly outrage committed this evening at the Soviet Legation in Tel Aviv. This act of criminal folly stands condemned in the eyes of all decent citizens who will recognize it as directed not merely against a foreign diplomatic mission, but at the heart of the State itself.

Every effort will be made to find the perpetrators of this foul deed and when found, they will be brought to swift justice.

The Government expresses its profound sense of affliction and deep regret to the Soviet Minister and the members of the Legation staff and, in particular, to the injured who are now being tended in hospital.

CALLS AT EMBASSY

About half an hour after the explosion, Mr. Arye Levavi, Deputy Director General of the Foreign Ministry, and Mr. Shmuel Ben-Zur, Director of the East European Division, called on the Legation to express the profound regret of the Foreign Minister at the outrage.

The Swiss Minister, Mr. Otto Seifert, called at the Legation shortly after the incident and spoke to the Soviet Minister at the entrance to the building.

Tel Aviv and Jaffa Ports To Be Unified

The Tel Aviv and Jaffa Ports are to be run again by one authority, Minister of Communications Y. Saphir told the Knesset last night. The separation effected last November, when Jaffa Port was put under direct Government control, has not proved worthwhile, he added.

The railways were running at a yearly deficit of at least IL.2m., Mr. Saphir said. There was no possibility to derive profits from railways in a country like Israel, especially with equipment such as there is at present.

The Minister of Communications was speaking in the debate on the additional IL.4,150,000 budget of Communications and Posts, which was presented by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol. The budget was referred to the Finance Committee.

ESHED MAY FACE CONTEMPT CHARGE

The Minister of Justice, Dr. Pinhas Rosen, told Mr. Y. Shapiro (Mapai) in the Knesset yesterday that the Attorney General may charge Eshed with contempt of court for publicizing the death of a bus inspector as "murder" before the case was heard in court. The Attorney General was studying the matter, he said.

By the end of the month, the Unified Registration System, recommended by the Lavon Committee, is expected to start working, Mr. Israel Rokach, Minister of the Interior, told Mr. Aharon Zisling (Mapam). The registration of the population is then expected to be brought up to date, he said.

The Ministry of Welfare spent IL.6,370 from April to November 1952 in the Little Triangle, Dr. Israel Rosenberg, Deputy Minister of Welfare, told Mr. Fares Hamdan. During the same period, IL.3,650 in salaries was paid to Ministry officials in the area.

GALES SWEEP COUNTRY

Strong winds, reaching a velocity of 60 kms. an hour, blew across Israel last night to the accompaniment of heavy rain and an inflow of cold air. A heavy thunderstorm occurred in the North, while hail fell in Jerusalem. The storm was caused by a low pressure area over Cyprus. Westerly gales and sandstorms are forecast for today.

Russian Book Shop Owner Threatened

A threatening letter was received yesterday by the owner of the Soviet book shop in Jerusalem, Mr. Yehiel Auerbach, whose shop has already been damaged twice by fire.

The letter was signed by the "Hebrew Youth" who also signed the leaflets on the scene of the fires. The letter, which threatens Mr Auerbach's life if he continues the distribution of Russian books, was handed over to the police who are investigating.

GLUBB BLAMES ISRAEL, ADMITS INFILTRATION

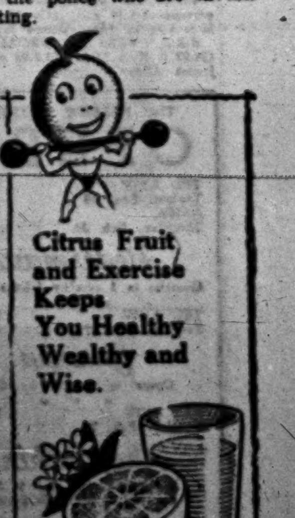
LONDON, Monday (INA). — "During the days of the Mandate, the Jews constantly made use of terrorist methods. There seems to be something in the psychology of the Jews of Israel which impels them to resort to terrorist acts rather than accept cooperation." Lt.-General John B. Glubb, British Commander of the Arab Legion, told "The Times" correspondent in Amman in an interview published today.

The General said, "It is true that some Jordanians enter Israel illegally. Many of them [illegible] criminal intent. Israel has cut off [illegible] Jordan from Gaza and Egypt, for example. There are still families which are divided between the two countries and there are no legal means by which a Jordanian can reach his relatives in the Gaza strip unless he is rich enough to pay for the air passage.

"Other infiltrators are refugees from Israel who go back at night to see or recover their property or pieces of their own gardens.

"Some infiltrators go to Israel to steal. While this is deeply regrettable it is not to be wondered at [illegible]

General Glubb attacked Israel for [illegible] through diplomatic channels.



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Social & Personal

President Ben-Zvi received the Minister of Interior, Mr. Israel Rokach, yesterday. A delegation of the Local Council League, comprising Messrs. Krinitzki, Ostrovski, Frankel and Hochstein also visited the President. President Ben-Zvi will pay an official visit to Haifa today.

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Mrs. Anna Schimyatiya, a Lithuanian writer who lived in the Vilna Ghetto during the war, arrived in the s.s. Negbah yesterday. Mrs. Schimyatiya helped rescue many Jews from the Nazis and adopted a Jewish girl now in a kibbutz.

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Mrs. Dvora Rabinovitz, president of the Israel Association of Mizrahi Women, left by El Al for the U.S. yesterday, to take part in discussions there on means of combating missionary influences and propaganda in Israel.

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A group of delegates of the American Federation of Women's Clubs, headed by Mrs. Milred Ahlgren, President, are due in Israel via Mandelbaum Gate this morning.

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Mr. M. Ironi, chief accountant of the Ministry of Defence, left by El Al yesterday for a five-week visit of inspection of Ministry representations in European capitals.

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Mr. Moshe Sharett, Minister for Foreign Affairs, will speak on "The Rangoon Conference", under the auspices of the School of Oriental Studies of the Hebrew University and the Israel Oriental Society at 8.30 tomorrow evening, at the Ratisbonne Building, Jerusalem. The public is invited.

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Mr. Ben Halpern will lecture to the Society for the Clarification of Problems of the Zionist Movement at 8.30 this evening at Bet Shalom, Talbieh, Jerusalem.

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"The Kibbutz in Focus," an exhibition of the Kibbutz-Arzi photographers, will open at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 11, at the Mikra Studio, Tel Aviv.

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Mrs. Patricia Hunt, of the American Friends Service Committee, will speak on "Quakers' Service in Israel" at 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday, at the Bet Israel Hall, 96 Rehov Dizengoff Tel Aviv, under the auspices of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

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BIRTH

ISRAELI. — To Shoshanna (nee Yellin), wife of Avner Israeli, Jerusalem, on Sunday, February 8, 1953 — a daughter.

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SLONIM. — To Julia, nee Levinson, on February 6, at the Imahut Hospital, Haifa, — a daughter.

U.K. LABOUR PARTY SECRETARY HERE

LYDDA AIRPORT, Monday (ITIM). — Mr. Sol Rose, secretary of the British Labour Party, arrived by S.A.S. from Rangoon today for a short visit to Israel at the invitation of the Histadrut and Mapai.

He is the fourth British Labourite to come in the past few weeks, following the vists of Mr. H. Gaitskell, Dr. H. Dalton, and Mr. R. Crossman.

The visitor this afternoon attended the meeting of the Histadrut Executive and was greeted by Mr. Mordecai Namir, the Histadrut Secretary-General.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME

NEWS: Hebrew: 7, 7.59 a.m., 12.00, 1.30, 6.15, 8.30 & 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 5 a.m., 2.15 & 6.30 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.30 Close Down.

10.30 a.m. Music While You Work. 11.00 Piano Recital. 11.20 Wind Instruments. 11.40 Music (R). 12.02 Programme for Hospitals (R). 12.30 At the Opera (R). 1.45 Programme Announcements. 1.48 Break for Music. 3.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Variety (R). 4.45 Music (R). 5.20 Agricultural Corner. 5.30 Language Corner. 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Variety. 7.07 Programme Announcements. 7.10 "Voice, Instrument and Orchestra." (R). 7.35 Sports. 7.45 Noah's Ark. 8.20 Bible Reading. 8.45 Newsreel. 9.00 "Kol Yisrael" Orchestra: Conductor: George Singer. Soloists: Sonia Valine & Gershon Jasensky: Concerto for Strings (Roussel): Concert for two Pianos & Orchestra (Poulenc): "Le Tombeau de Couperin" (Ravel): Suite Provencale (Milhaud). 10.30 Requests. 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
460, 225, 216 & 43.9 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French: 2.00 p.m.

4.00 p.m. Chamber Music (R). 5.00 Programme for Yemenites. 5.20 Literature Corner. 5.30 Science Studio. 6.00 The Working Woman. 6.15 Close Down.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (33.3, 43.8 & 460 M.): French: 6.30 p.m.; Ladino: 7.00 p.m. Yiddish: 7.30 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): 11.15 p.m. Newsreel. 11.30 "Music to Our Land." 11.45 The Week's News.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 236 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Gadna Programme. 7.00 Musical Dictionary. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Melodies. 7.45 Noah's Ark. 8.30 News. 8.45 Talk. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

VOICE OF AMERICA: Hebrew Programme 9-9.30 p.m. (13, 16, 19 & 25 M.): Life in These United States.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (24.92 & 30.45 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News, Jewish Affairs.

THE HEBREW NATIONAL
OPERA
TEL AVIV Habimah
Tonight, Feb. 10 8 p.m.
HAIFA Armon
Thursday, Feb. 26 9 p.m.
Fledermaus
Operetta in 3 acts by Johann Strauss
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TEL AVIV Habimah
Tuesday, Feb. 17 8 p.m.
Carmen
Opera in 4 acts by Bizet
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TEL AVIV Habimah
Tuesday, Feb. 24 8 p.m.
Khovanchina
Musical Drama in 5 Acts
By M. MOUSSORGSKY
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Tickets: Rellis, 67 Allenby, Tel Aviv and at the Habima box-office. Haifa: Ginsburg's office.

REVIEW OF YESTERDAY'S PRESS

Naming of Sneh in Prague Trial May Spell End of 'Left Faction'

Most papers including "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) comment on the news according to which Dr. Sneh too had been made a leading Jewish-Zionist spy, and the opinion was voiced that this was tantamount to the beginning of the decomposition of the "Hativat Hasmol," notwithstanding Dr. Sneh's declared confidence in "Socialist justice."

"Kol Ha'am" (Maki) comments editorially on the proposed expulsion of Communists from all leading organs of the Histadrut. The paper also had to explain to its readers why Generalissimo Stalin had bestowed the rare honour of a personal interview on the Argentine Ambassador to Moscow though "Kol Ha'am" had violently attacked President Peron several days before as a fascist dictator, criticizing the Israel government for its relations with Argentina.

"Hatzofe" (Hapoel Hamizrahi) welcomes the new definitions contained in the Soviet Encyclopedia, "There is no Jewish nation." The paper says that this contributes to a general clarification of the situation: the Kremlin is opposed not merely to the "Israel of Ben Gurion" as the local Stalinists claim, but it opposes Jewish national culture and independence in general and wishes to abolish it.

Commenting on the convening of a world Jewish conference in protest against the anti-Jewish campaign launched on the other side of the Iron Curtain, "Davar" (Histadrut) says that we cannot afford to do nothing and be silent: ten years ago when the first news about mass murders were received many of us did not believe it and this should not happen again.

The paper says that certain Jewish circles in America fear that the anti-Semitic groups there will exploit such a demonstration ("The Jews wish to involve us in a world war..."), while Mapam in Israel through not opposed to the idea of such a congress in principle, demands that nothing should be done which might be interpreted as a direct attack on the anti-Semitic policy, nor should "provocative" decisions be taken. The paper says that it is very difficult to understand what this Mapam demand for a "serious and responsible attitude towards the emigration of Jews from the socialist countries" really means, and what to do with the reservations of Mapam in their protest in view of the growing anti Jewish, anti-Zionist and anti-Israel propaganda campaign.

Unemployment Tax

"Hador" (Mapai) and "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) deal with steps to be taken to fight unemployment. Both papers oppose the suggestions made by right wing circles, that a general tax should be collected to provide work for the unemployed.

"Al Hamishmar" says that this scheme would affect the poor and the rich alike. The paper says that the property loan has not yet been collected though it was believed that it would contribute IL.30-40m. to the Treasury.

"Al Hamishmar" moreover criticises the statement made by the Minister of Commerce and Industry according to whom buying power has not yet decreased: prices on the real estate market have remained high, but this only shows that the rich still have enough money. But at the same time the demand for general commodities has sharply decreased.

"Haboker" (Gen. Zionist) comments on a number of declarations on our economic situation made recently by both Israel and foreign specialists and says that the way outlined by the liberal economic school is the only realistic one: that buying power should be allowed to "stabilize itself," in other words, control should be abolished and producers for exports should be allowed to provide raw material for themselves. This diagnosis was made long ago by the late Mr. Kaplan and Mr. Eshkol has according to "Haboker" reached the same conclusions. But he should now publicly state by what means he prefers to expedite economic recovery.

AT THE CINEMA

On the screen I generally prefer competent horseplay to mediocre romance. Even highbrows, however, will find "Westward the Women" (Eden, J'lem) an amusing mixture of a western with "Riso Amaro." Robert Taylor takes 150 women from Chicago to a Californian settlement to alleviate the scarcity of wives there. Deanne Darcel is the shrew to be tamed and Hope Emerson the most redoubtable type. The convoy drives across 3000 kilometres of every kind of American desert and it always looks like the Negev.

Th. F. M.

Boy Meets Girl

"On Moonlight Bay" (Orna, J'lem), starring Gordon MacRae and Doris Day, is a technicolor period romance about the removal of American home, sweet home (of the vice-president of the National Bank, Jack Smith) and the attendant problems. Doris Day is a baseball-playing flapper, who meets Gordon MacRae, an Indiania University student. This young greenhorn has average revolutionary ideas about society, marriage, finances and is a big shock to his girl-friend's father. Summary: Moonlight and whipped cream.

FRANGO

Gangster Film

The gangster has been deported from America; he has to be smuggled back and a double, whose name the gangster will adopt is sent down to Mexico for the change over. The bulk of this film takes place in the hotel where the latter awaits his instructions. One can immediately rule out the love element of "His Kind of Woman" (Atzmon, Haifa). Jane Russell has a couple of good songs to sing and plenty of evening gowns to wear. There are more important points to "His Kind of Woman," an excellent, build-up of slow, steady suspense within the lazy luxury of a playboy's resort. It is heightened by Robert Mitchum's fine performance, as the double, with the nonchalance of a man who has lost any hope of the future and is staking all on a chance adventure. But as we approach the denouement, "His Kind of Woman's" gangster action becomes just silly and is replaced by a new element, Vincent Price, as the cinema star down in Mexico to escape his wife, comes to the hero's rescue.

This is done in richly farcical vein — the actor who has a chance of the real thing and remains theatrical in the doing of it. Although the change in the plot's direction is bewildering, "His Kind of Woman" makes a pleasant evening.

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JERUSALEM CINEMAS

At 4, 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.

ARNON: Ten Tall Men.
EDEN: Westward the Women.
EDISON: Faust (La Beaute Du Diable).
OR-GIL: The Big Trees.
ORION: Nos Sommes Tous des Assassins. (6.30 & 8.30 p.m.).
ORNA: On Moonlight Bay.
STUDIO: Il Barbiere di Siviglia.
ZION: Something to Live For. (6.30 & 8.30 p.m.).

Geneva Exchange Rates

GENEVA, Feb. 7 (AP).—The following are banknote quotations here in Swiss francs (average of buying and selling rates):

United States (dollar)	4.29½
Canada (dollar)	4.38
Great Britain (pound)	11.15
France (100 fr.)	1.04
West Germany (100 mk.)	89.00
Belgium (100 fr.)	8.41
Holland (100 gulden)	110.00
Sweden (100 kronor)	73.50
Italy (100 lire)	0.67½
Austria (100 sch.)	16.20
Czechoslovakia (100 cr.)	1.35
Denmark (100 kr.)	55.50
Norway (100 kr.)	55.50
Egypt (Eg. pound)	9.60
Israel (Isr. pound)	1.80
Spain (100 pesetas)	9.73
Portugal (100 escudos)	14.80
Argentina (100 pesos)	17.50
Brazil (100 cruzeiros)	11.15
Turkey (Turk. pound)	0.85
Yugoslavia (100 dinars)	0.07½

Ships in Haifa Port

San Michele, Italian, loading cement; Rio Santiago, Arg., frozen meat; Venetian, Br., loading fruit; Memphis, Br., loading fruit; Peter Sear, Br., wheat; Haifa, Is., general; Spyros, Greek, wood; Rosa Linda, It., wood; Galilah, Is.; Hamoreh, Is., finished unloading; Gavriel, Is., finished unloading; Bracha Fold, Is., finished unloading.

SHIPS IN THE BAY

Egyptian Prince, Br. waiting to load fruit; Mehmet, Turk. waiting to unload.

SHIPS WHICH SAILED IN THE LAST 48 HOURS

Tamar, Is.; Rapido, It.; Brigitte Skou, Danish; Constanza, Rum.; Murex, It.; Vitta, Swedish.

SHIPS EXPECTED IN THE NEXT THREE DAYS:

Kaptanoglo, white wood; Estikament, white wood; Arabian Prince, general cargo; Vingaland, general; Yaffo, milk powder and post; Kokilahol, wood; Luna, general cargo; Dromit, wood and general; Negbah, travellers; Dalaland, prefabricated houses; Katja, wheat; Vatna Jokull, Fillet.

THE TEL AVIV Municipality's Rate Collection Office, formerly at 62 Rehov Reines, has moved to 28 Rehov Spinoza (second floor), in the Municipal Engineering Department's building.

Paratroopers vs. T.A. Maccabi

An Army Paratroopers boxing team is to face Tel Aviv Maccabi men in a boxing tournament next Thursday evening in a camp "somewhere."

Where to go

★ JERUSALEM ★

9-4: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo: Romema. Bus 15. Feeding time: 2-3 p.m.
9-1; 3-5: Bezalel Museum: Bezalel Schatz, Oil Paintings and Drawings.
9-4: Archaeological Exhibition, Dept. of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.
10-1: Sanhedria: Tombs.
10-1; 4-6: Exhibition, Ruth Bamberger, Haifa Artists. Artists House.

★ TEL AVIV ★

8 p.m.: "Lady Precious Stream" Chamber Theatre: Mograbi Hall.
10-2; 4-8: Exhibition of paintings by Yehiel Kris at the New Gallery, Central Building, 94 Allenby Rd.
4-7: Memorial exhibition of the artist, Menahem Shemi (Schmidt): 126 paintings and drawings of the Habimah and Ohel Theatre decors. Museum.
10-1, 4-7: Ziona Tagger Exhibition at the Art Pavilion, 9 Rehov Alharizi.

★ RAMAT GAN ★

8 p.m.: Latin-America Ballet: Rama.

★ HAIFA ★

4-7 p.m.: Exhibition of paintings by Wittmann, Kurt, Nassati: Artists' Home, 32 Rehov Uno, (opp. Carmelia Court)).
8 p.m.: Recorded concert — long playing records: Beethoven: Pastorale; Rimsky Korsakoff: Scheherazade—Pevsner House.

★ RAANANA ★

8 p.m.: "The Women Have Their Way." Chamber Theatre.

★ KFAR SABA ★

8.30 p.m.: The Wonderful Revue "It Will Be Good." Li-La-Lo.

★ PETAH TIKVA ★

8 p.m.: "Pick-up Girl." Chamber Theatre.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT,

Tel Aviv-Jaffa. Civil Case No. 2500/52

In the matter of APPLICANT: Reuven Rav-ne of 33 Rehov Rokach Tel Aviv, represented by E. Grusska, LL.B., Barrister at Law, Advocate, of 45 Rehov Hale 1, Tel Aviv.

RESPONDENTS: 1. Aharon Zinger, 123 Rothschild Blvd. Tel Aviv. 2. Dr. Heinrich Vogel, address unknown. 3. Joseph Malkin, address unknown. 4. Registrar of Lands, Tel Aviv.

SUMMONS TO: 1. Dr. Heinrich Vogel, address unknown. 2. Joseph Malkin, address unknown. Whereas the Applicant has filed an application by way of motion against you, for judgment declaring that the Applicant is entitled to the striking out of the registration of a mortgage on 277/2019 shares of Parcel 55 Block 6108 & Parcel 7 Block 3596 from the Register of Lands: And whereas copies of the aforementioned application with annexures may be obtained by you from the Registry of this Court;

And whereas the aforementioned application shall be heard by this Court on 11 day of May, 1953 at 8.30 in the forenoon: you are therefore summoned to appear at the District Court of Tel Aviv-Jaffa on the aforementioned date and hour. Take notice that in default of your so doing the Applicant may proceed therein and judgment may be given in your absence.

Dated this 5th day of February 1953.

REGISTRAR

Notice: If you admit the claim, you should pay the money into Court together with the costs of the application, to avoid execution of the Order, which may be against your person or property, or both.

DISTRICT COURT OF HAIFA
P.R. 47/53

In the matter of the late Albert David of Germany, died in 1935.

Petitioner: Mayer David.

Summons — let all persons take notice that Mayer David has applied to the District Court of Haifa for an order declaring the succession of the late Albert David and that the said application will be heard on February 25, 1953 at 10 a.m.

Any persons claiming any interest must appear at the said place and date, otherwise such order will be given as to the Court seems right.

Dated: 5.2.53.

S. Rasi — Registrar

HISTADRUT EMPLOYEES now number 14,500, compared with 6,000 when the State was created.

"AMIDAR" Israel National Housing Corporation for Immigrants Ltd., Tel Aviv

BALANCE SHEET (Adjusted to the nearest Pound) AS AT MARCH 31, 1952

As at 31.3.51			Authorised and Issued	Paid Up
	CAPITAL AND RESERVES:			
	Share Capital:			
	Class "A" Shares of IL. 1 each		IL. 2,500,000	IL. 2,320,651
	Class "B" Shares of IL. 1 each		1,000,000	1,000,000
	Class "C" Shares of IL. 1 each		1,000,000	1,000,000
	Class "D" Shares of IL. 1 each		500,000	500,000
IL. 4,212,200	Total		IL. 5,000,000	IL. 4,820,651
1,247	Profit and Loss Account — Balance of Profit			1,320
IL. 4,213,447				IL. 4,821,971
	LONG TERM LIABILITIES:			
	Government of Israel:			
	Loans secured by a floating charge on the Assets of the Company	IL. 315,885		
	Loans — with an undertaking to register as security a Debenture, Mortgages on part of the Stone houses and a Pledge on Shares in Afridar Housing Corporation, Ltd., Tel Aviv	2,868,351		
IL. 2,216,544			IL. 3,184,236	
	Other Loans — secured by Mortgages on part of the Stone houses		27,216	
50,100	Deferred Company Registration Fees and Capital Duty		46,775	
IL. 2,266,644				3,258,227
	CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
	Bank Leumi Le-Israel B.M., Tel Aviv—Loan		IL. 225,000	
IL. 231,100	Contractors and Suppliers		610,209	
654,921	Bills Payable to Contractors		228,461	
490,509	Receipts from Prospective Owners—in respect of Contracts to transfer Leasehold or Settlement rights		987,684	
195,365	Deposits from Tenants and Prospective Owners		159,681	
277,031	Creditors and Credit Balances		306,324	
213,425	Obligations to complete Flats in accordance with Contracts for the Transfer of the rights thereon to Prospective Owners and provision for their upkeep		248,254	
32,000	Sundry Provisions		92,409	
IL. 2,103,351				2,858,022
	There are Contingent Liabilities in respect of the following:			
	Amount un-called on the Shares in Afridar Housing Corporation, Ltd., Tel Aviv	IL. 224,850		
	Bills discounted	IL. 20,000		
	Claim by the Government of Israel for the payment of Interest—under negotiation	IL. 129,407		
IL. 8,583,442				IL. 10,938,220

On behalf of Board of Directors
LEVI ESHKOL, Director
M. HARTMAN, Director

	Cost	Depreciation				As at 31.3.51
FIXED ASSETS:						
Stone houses (partly under construction), prefabricated wooden houses and development work in Immigrants' Quarters—at Cost				IL. 9,949,009		IL. 7,126,395
Less:						
Flats, the Leasehold or Settlement rights on which will be transferred to the Prospective Owners			IL. 2,711,311			IL. 1,546,773
Depreciation of Rented Flats, etc.			592,352			342,993
				3,303,663		IL. 1,889,766
					IL. 6,645,346	IL. 5,236,629
The Houses are built on Leasehold land; the majority of Leasehold Agreements are not yet registered, or not yet transferred in the name of the Company.						
Water Plant on the Company's Freehold land	IL. 7,549	IL. 1,044		IL. 6,505		
Office Buildings (wooden), on Leased land	12,734	935		11,799		10,578
Cars and Furniture	25,399	6,691		18,708		9,453
	IL. 45,682	IL. 8,670		IL. 37,012		
Tools and Implements, at Nominal Value				1		1
					37,013	
					IL. 6,682,359	
Shares in Afridar Housing Corporation, Ltd., Tel Aviv—at Cost				IL. 275,450		75,000
Debentures of Palestine Agricultural Settlement Association, Ltd., Jerusalem—at Cost (above Market Value)				150,000		
					425,450	
Long Term Loans for the construction of Houses in Immigrants' Quarters:						
Housing Companies and Local Councils, partly secured by Mortgages				IL. 1,399,254		1,371,217
Agricultural Settlement Companies, secured by Debentures				463,614		472,765
Prospective Owners—long term debts in respect of Flats, the Leasehold or Settlement rights on which will be transferred to them				1,465,623		1,046,491
				IL. 3,328,491		
Other Long Term Loans, secured by Mortgages				146,572		
					3,475,063	
					IL. 10,582,872	IL. 8,222,074
CURRENT ASSETS:						
Building Materials—at Cost per General Manager's Certificate				IL. 157,391		IL. 40,676
Advances and Deposits on account of the purchase of Materials				13,155		79,256
Debtors and Debit Balances (after deduction of Provision for Bad Debts)				115,639		86,909
Cash on Hand, in Banks and in Cooperative Societies				22,388		104,427
					308,573	IL. 311,268
PRELIMINARY EXPENSES					46,775	IL. 50,100
					IL. 10,938,220	IL. 8,583,442

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR FROM APRIL 1, 1951, TO MARCH 31, 1952.

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For the Year to 31.3.51			
IL. 156,105	General and Office Expenses, etc.		IL. 196,995
68,843	Financing Expenses—Interest and Bank Charges		81,282
	Depreciation:		
258,857	On Rented Flats, etc.	IL. 257,801	
1,982	On Water Plant, Office Buildings, Cars and Furniture	3,922	
			261,723
3,379	Doubtful Debts		3,810
34,641	Profit for the year ended March 31, 1952—carried forward		40,898
IL. 520,707			IL. 584,708
IL. 2,823	Preliminary Expenses — partly written off		IL. 3,325
32,000	Provisions for Sundry Liabilities		37,500
1,247	Balance—Profit as at March 31, 1952—carried to Balance Sheet		1,320
IL. 36,070			IL. 42,145

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				For the Year to 31.3.51
Profit on Contracts for the transfer of Leasehold or Settlement rights to Prospective Owners (1,059 Dwelling Units)			IL. 72,331	IL. 112,364
Income from Rent collected		IL. 467,316		
Less — Property Maintenance Expenses:				
Services and Supplies	IL. 22,075			
Repairs and Upkeep	22,014			
Taxes and Leasehold Premiums	42,971			
Insurance	13,536			
		100,596		
			366,720	288,909
Interest received (after deduction of Collection fees)			140,852	117,098
Miscellaneous Income			4,805	2,336
			IL. 584,708	IL. 520,707
Profit for the year ended March 31, 1952—brought forward			IL. 40,898	IL. 34,641
Balance—Profit as at April 1, 1951			1,247	1,429
			IL. 42,145	IL. 36,070

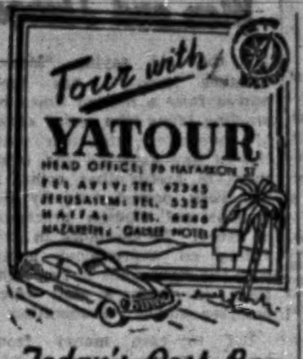
WE HAVE AUDITED the Balance Sheet of "Amidar" Israel National Housing Corporation for Immigrants, Ltd. as at March 31, 1952 and the related Profit and Loss Account for the year ended on that date. We have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of this audit. In our opinion, proper books of account have have been kept by the Company, so far as it appears from our examination of those books.

The above Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account are in agreement with the books of account, and in our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at March 31, 1952 and the Profit and Loss Account presents fairly the results of its operations for the year ended on that date.

Tel Aviv, January 31, 1953

BAWLY, MILLNER, RIECK & CO.
Public Accountants
Auditors

KESSELMAN & KESSELMAN
Certified Accountants
Auditors



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NAZARETH: GALILEE HOTEL

Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	71	9	13	9
Tiberias	50	8	21	19
Haifa	82	12	20	16
Nathanya	84	16	20	17
Tel Aviv Port	75	15	21	18
Lydda	72	12	20	16
Jerusalem	59	12	17	12
Beersheba	33	—	21	17
Elath	54	14	22	20

FORECAST: Cloudy with frequent showers mainly in the north and centre. Sandstorms in the Negev. Westerly gales.

A) Humidity at 1 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maxim. temp. expected today.

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AN ALMS BOX in the Ark of a Synagogue in Katamon, Jerusalem, was broken open and the money in it stolen.

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ANYONE WHO wishes to testify before the Commission enquiring into the affairs of the Jerusalem Municipality on any matter relating to the Municipality's present condition or to suggest future improvements, should write to Mr. David Lutzky, secretary of the Commission, at the Interior Ministry, Jerusalem, before February 20. The letter should contain the person's exact name and address and an outline of the points he wishes to make.

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THE COURT of Appeals reserved judgment yesterday in the appeal of Ya'acov Honigman, a Beersheba butcher, against his sentence of eight and a half years' imprisonment by the Tel Aviv District Court for assault and causing grievous bodily harm under the Nazis and Nazi Collaborators (Punishment) Law of 1950. The Court was composed of Justices Cheshin, Assaf and Halevi. Mr. A. Levitzky and Mr. I. Hake appeared for the appellant. Mr. Y. Gurny, Tel Aviv District Attorney, appeared for the State.

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A SHIPMENT of 62 Kaiser-Frazer cars, the first to Iceland, left Haifa in the s.s. "Haifa" yesterday. The ship also carried 35 tons of citrus oil and two tons of bicycle parts for various European countries.

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HALF A TON of freshly slaughtered meat was found on Sunday night in a truck at the intersection of the Holon and Jerusalem roads by Ministry of Commerce inspectors. The driver and the lone passenger of the truck were handed over to the police, while the vehicle and the meat were impounded.

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YEHEZKEL GABAI, of Kiryat Shalom, who did not send his son to school regularly, was fined IL.5, with the alternative of five days imprisonment, by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday for contravening the Compulsory Education Law.

BREACH OF TRUST SUIT FILED

Six charges of breach of trust were filed by the Office of the Attorney General in the Jerusalem District Court yesterday against Zvi ben Shabetai Gewirtz, 27, former employee of the Textile and Leather Department of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

The accused had allegedly induced his superiors to sign orders releasing 46,000 metres of white cloth from customs warehouses for the use of a hotel under construction in Tel-Aviv. It is claimed that the licences issued by the Investment Centre to the hotel did not provide for the release of such quantities of white cloth.

The special permission of the Attorney General, required in suits of this nature against Government officials, was submitted with the charge sheet.

Amongst the 17 witnesses to be called by the Prosecution are Mr. Y. Landau, Director of the Textile and Leather Department; Mr. Y. Toadowsky, a director of the hotel; Mr. A. Shevah, an employee of Hotel Hanasi, under construction in Jerusalem, and Mr. J. Lang, a director of the import-export firm, Fukaro Palestine.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM DISTRICT: Eggs 3, Het 17, temporary, 8. Bananas 250 grams, Heh 28, temporary, 47, zones 1, 2, 3.

TEL AVIV DISTRICT: Butter and eggs for invalids: Butter 100 grams for grades Het Aleph 3, Het Bet 6, Het Gimel 6. Eggs 4, Het Aleph 3: 3, Het Bet 6: 8, Het Gimel 6.

HAIFA and SAMARIA DISTRICTS: Eggs 1, Het 12, temporary, 5: for invalids: 4, Het Aleph 3: 3, Het Bet 6: 8, Het Gimel 6: for expectant mothers: 16 Nos. 15, 16. Butter: Daled 100 grams, Ayin 2, for invalids: 100 grams for Het Aleph 3, Het Bet 6: 200 grams for Het Gimel 6.

New Oil Pact Would Up Output Fourfold

LYDDA AIRPORT, Monday (ITIM). — The output of the Haifa Refineries would be increased from a million to four million tons a year under the new agreement between the Government and the British Consolidated Refineries, Ltd., the spokesman for a two-man delegation of the Company said here today.

The two oil men arrived by B.O.A.C. this morning accompanied by Mr. Ya'acov Brin, Economic Counsellor to the Israel Embassy in London. Mr. Brin was asked by the Ministry of Finance to return to Israel to be present during the final negotiations here.

The delegation spokesman thought that the talks regarding the new agreement should be completed within two weeks.

The delegation was met at the airport by Mr. I.R. Kosloff, Fuel Adviser to the Government.

Technion Opens Farm Engineering Dep't

HAIFA, Monday. — The Technion is inaugurating a new Department of Agricultural Engineering within the present academic framework of the Institute of Technology, according to an announcement here today following a meeting of the Senate.

The new department, which will accept first-year students enrolling next Fall, and will also provide opportunity for second and third year students at the school to transfer to the new department if they wish. The programme has been developed with the cooperation of the Hebrew University.

Mr. Herman Finkel, for the past three years chief engineer of the Soil Conservation Service of the Ministry of Agriculture, has been named Lecturer in the fields of soil conservation, irrigation and drainage, and additional faculty appointments will be announced. Mr. Finkel came to Israel from the U.S. in 1949 at the invitation of the Government.

NEW SHIPPING LINE TO HAVE 8 SHIPS

LYDDA AIRPORT, Monday (ITIM). — The nucleus of the new combined Israel-America-Dizengoff shipping line would be formed of eight passenger and cargo vessels, Mr. P. Levinson, head of the U.S. and Africa Services of Shoham, said here today before leaving for the U.S.

While abroad he is to make final arrangements for the merger of the American offices of the two shipping companies forming the new line and will also negotiate the purchase of the eighth vessel of the new company. He is also to discuss Israel's entry into the international shipping conference.

Also aboard the plane were 19 sailors who are on their way to Europe to take over the 12,000-ton s.s. Argentina, recently purchased by the Israel-America line and which is to be renamed the s.s. Jerusalem. She is at present at Bremen, in the British zone of Germany.

Familiar Voice

TEL AVIV, Monday (ITIM).— "The voice I heard during the attack is that of the accused whom I recognized in an identification parade," Shimon Aini, a witness in the case against Hasin Salame Alenbari, 25, who is charged with the murder of Yosef Murad last June, told the District Court today. The accused reportedly shot Murad with a rifle in order to rob him of goods which the dead man together with Aini, had bought from neighbouring Beduin.

TEL AVIV inspectors last year filed 4,211 charges against shopkeepers who closed late, street hawkers who obstructed traffic, vendors without permits and cyclists without licences. About half of the charges were heard by the Municipal Court while the hearings of most of the others were either postponed, or the persons concerned received a warning from the city's chief inspector.

Two Students Win Gov't Prize

Two Hebrew University students, Mr. Yehezkel Goldstein and Mr. Aharon Natan, have been awarded a Foreign Ministry prize of IL.500 each, for exemplary work in their studies in the Middle Eastern Affairs class.

The two students will receive the prizes on Wednesday from Foreign Minister Sharett, at a special ceremony at the Hebrew University. The Foreign Ministry awarded similar prizes two years ago.

20 Interrogated In Travel Ticket Case

In two cases involving allegedly illegal foreign currency transactions, the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday issued orders of detention of five days and seven days against Raymond Bushi and Yitzhak Zwebner respectively. The police have also arrested M. Povsner, manager of the Jerusalem branch of Peltours.

The police declared they have "positive proof" that Bushi, manager of the Eagle Wings travel agency, acquired foreign currency illegally to finance the purchase of tickets in local currency. Thus far 20 persons have been interrogated by Police, it was stated in Court.

Zwebner, who is Director of "Ihud Hayeshivot," is suspected of having obtained a ticket from the Patra travel agency for a friend, in violation of the law. Whereas Zwebner's tax exemption form allegedly indicated that the ticket was paid for by a Rabbi Zelkowitz, of Paris, the form submitted by Shoham to the Foreign Currency Department of the Treasury showed that Patra had paid for the ticket. The Police believe that Zwebner has accomplices among the clerks of Patra.

The manager of the Jerusalem branch of Peltours, M. Povsner, was arrested together with a clerk after a search of the office had been conducted by the Economic Police. A number of "Nun 2" forms were taken for further examination.

It is not yet clear whether there is a direct connection between these arrests and the investigation of allegedly illegal transactions by other travel agencies.

Mr. C. Nathan, general manager of Peltours, told an ITIM correspondent in Jerusalem that if it was found that employees of the firm had acted illegally they would be dismissed. Mr. Nathan said the Peltours company was entitled to sell travel tickets against foreign currency and that its clerks were therefore authorized to fill out "Nun 2" forms themselves without recourse to the Treasury.

J'lem Teachers May Strike on Thursday

A new strike of Jerusalem teachers will be called on Thursday unless their January salaries are received by then. A spokesman for the teachers noted that the existing agreement called for an automatic walkout if salaries for the previous month were not paid by the twelfth of the month.

Mayor Y. Kariv reported that the city was making every effort to honour its agreement with the teachers, but would not be able to meet it if the Ministry of Education refused to pay for 80 per cent of the Municipality's education expenses. The Ministry decided several months ago to cut its contribution to 70 per cent and the salary squabbles have developed every month; but each time the Ministry agreed provisionally to supply the extra 10 per ent.

Two Youths Held Who Spent 'Easy' Money

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Two youths, who were reported to the District Criminal Branch here last week to have been "easy" with their money in various night spots in the city, were followed to their homes where loot was found.

The youths, Yosef Bruder and Ya'acov Wax, both 20, were detained this week on suspicion of having last week broken into the Shekem store here at Teivat Noah and also to have stolen 900 stamped cinema tickets from the Hakartis agency in Allenby Road.

YOUTH HURT IN OVERTURNED BUS

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Pinhas Palalis, 16, was severely injured and eight others were slightly hurt when a Dan bus overturned on the bumpy Bet Dagon-Yehudia road last night. A punctured front tyre caused the accident.

The youth was taken to Hayarkon Hospital while the other injured were sent home after receiving first aid. The driver, Reuven Tamir, who remained unhurt, was detained and later released on bond.

Trains to Use New Route by April

HAIFA, Monday. — The last stretch of rail for the new Haifa-Tel Aviv railway has been completed near Herzlia, it was reported here today.

Workers are now filling in gravel and it is thought that the first train will use the new line by April.

Jewish Conference In Geneva on March 8

The decision to hold a world Jewish Conference with the participation of the Jewish Agency Executive and the Praesidium of the Zionist General Council in Geneva on March 8 was confirmed at the Jewish Agency Executive meeting held in Jerusalem yesterday.

The Praesidium of the Zionist General Council will discuss the question today.

It was decided that no separate fund-raising campaign would be initiated for the Yad Chaim memorial project for the late President. The Keren Kayemet and Keren Hayesod will include the project in their fund-raising campaign this year.

Innocent Abroad

LONDON, Monday (UP). — The Israel Communist delegate to the Prague Youth Congress, Mr. David Ravinu, accused Israel yesterday of being a police state and of practising racial discrimination against the Arabs living there, according to the official Czechoslovak News Agency. He also said that "Ben Gurion's Government is reactionary and hostile to the working people."

Water Fills Reservoir In Netufa Valley

HAIFA, Monday.—Nearly half a million cubic metres of water have already gathered in the Netufa Valley reservoir, since its completion at the beginning of this rainy season. More rain is expected to pour into the basin which, in its present stage, covers 800 dunams and is a maximum of two metres deep. Evaporation and seepage are not worse than expected.

The Water Planning Authority is to construct a reservoir near Kfar Baruch in the western Emek, to catch the water of the upper Kishon which now flows into the sea.

WINDOWS OF MISSION IN J'LEM SMASHED

The windows of the Bible Evangelists Mission's bookshop, in Mamillah Road, Jerusalem, were smashed for the fourth time within the last few months shortly after five o'clock yesterday. The incident occurred while the shop was open and lit up.

The woman in the shop said she saw two boys running away immediately afterwards. The police are investigating.

AUSTRIA. — The Foreign Ministers' Deputies of Britain, France, U.S. and U.S.S.R. met in London yesterday to continue the talks on the Austrian peace treaty which were resumed last Friday after a two-year deadlock.

French Raiders Destroy 6 Vietminh Arms Plants

SAIGON, Monday (AP). — Six of the main munitions plants used by the Vietminh forces were destroyed in a six-week campaign in the area 25 miles north of Saigon, the French High Command announced today.

A spokesman for the General Staff said it was one of the biggest operations undertaken by the French. Five battalions supported by an artillery group and a naval squadron began the raid, designed to break down the Vietminh supply system.

New tactics were employed. Instead of trying to keep contact with a base, the French force remained in rebel territory six weeks, depending on air drops for supplies. Some 160 tons of supplies were dropped to the outfit. Included in the six plants destroyed were 29 machine-tool installations used in manufacturing artillery. Supplies of metal, spare parts and explosives were destroyed.

Forty-eight Vietminh were killed during the raid, during which the French lost only four killed and 30 wounded, and 61 prisoners were taken.

The French General Staff said the area contained about four fifths of the Vietminh arms production industry.

June Haver Quits Films for Nunnery

KANSAS CITY, Monday (Reuter). — June Haver, 26-year-old actress, who renounced her film career to become a nun, has left Hollywood to enter the Sanctuary of the Sisters of Charity in St. Xavier, 40 kilometres from here.

On Wednesday, with about a dozen other novices, she will start the two-year training course of the sisterhood. During this time, Miss Haver, who has given up a salary of $3,500 a week, will not be permitted to be photographed nor to give interviews.

BARKATT RETURNS

LYDDA AIRPORT, Monday (ITIM). — Representatives of the Socialist parties of India and Indonesia would shortly visit Israel to study the working of the Histadrut, Mr. Reuven Barkatt of the Histadrut Executive said here this morning. He had just returned by S.A.S. from a visit to those two states after attending the recent conference of Asian Socialist parties at Rangoon.

UNEMPLOYMENT

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for development projects to absorb the unemployed.

Whereas the Minister did not estimate the number of unemployed, Mr. Berl Repetur, a Mapam member of the Histadrut Secretariat, said the figure approached 20,000 but would increase as hundreds of civil servants were discharged under the Government retrenchment programme. Thousands now employed harvesting citrus would be left without work and building and manufacturing would decrease.

Grim pictures of the situation were given by spokesmen of the labour councils of Haifa, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, and a representative of the Women Workers Council. They said that the number of unemployed was increasing weekly as factories reduced production or closed down, building tapered off and there were largescale dismissals by public organisations and utilities. There were frequent demonstrations by workers who could not feed their families, it was said.

Mrs. Myerson devoted a good part of her address to a defence of her Ministry's policy in the first years of statehood when many types of work projects were provided to employ immigrants; houses were built and public works promoted. She acknowledged that some of the money spent had not consolidated the State's economy and may have been wasted, but said that those who had been critical on that score were guilty of "unhelpful retroactive wisdom."

She said the public works had been a training school for immigrants who were unaccustomed to labour and had provided essential roads, whereas housing had been essential to absorb the immigrants.

Mrs. Myerson said that a long-range solution and effort by management, labour and the Government was needed to switch industrial production to export goods. The rains last winter had proved that the Negev need not be a desert and tens of millions of dollars would have to be invested to bring water there. This revolution could not be achieved without hardship and unemployment was the greatest hardship, she said.

The Minister said that 35,000 families living in canvas or aluminium-walled huts and abandoned Army barracks had to be housed. Immigrants below the age of 40 willing to settle on the land would get housing free of cost. Citrus groves, vineyards and other plantations as well as vegetable farms had to be developed.

Israel to Refer Arab Hostility to P.C.C.

UNITED NATIONS, Monday (INA). — Mr. Gideon Rafael is to take up the questions of increased Arab hostility against Israel and their continued blockade when the Palestine Conciliation Commission meets here this afternoon.

The matter will be raised when Mr. Rafael reports to the Commission on what the Israel Government has done to meet the payment on March 1 of the first instalment of the released Arab accounts. The progress report is the only item on the agenda of this first meeting of the P.C.C. this year. Israel offered at the last series of sessions to unfreeze Arab assets held in Israel.

Selwyn Lloyd 'Deplores Attacks on Villages'

LONDON, Monday (Reuter). — Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Selwyn Lloyd today told the Commons that he "deplored" the attacks on the Jordanian villages of Falama and Rantis by Israelis last month.

Mr. Lloyd was replying to a question referring to the supply of arms to any country in the Middle East. He said the Government should remind the Arab States that they have resisted the U.N. efforts to bring peace in the Middle East.

DISCONNECTED. — Seventy telephone poles on the Sfax-Tahdia road and four on the Tunis-Oelela road were sawn through by unknown persons in Tunisia on Sunday night.

Cables in Brief

ROBBERY. — Six masked robbers spent 14 hours cracking safes at Canada House, within earshot of the crowded West End of London, on Saturday. They got away with only a few hundred pounds after failing to blast their way into the vaults of the Royal Bank of Canada.

PROGRESS. — The Japanese Progressive-Conservative Party yesterday elected Mamoru Shigemitsu, a released war criminal, as its president. Shigemitsu signed the Japanese surrender as Foreign Minister. He was released from prison in 1950.

AVALANCHE. — Keith [illegible], 17, was killed on Sunday when an avalanche on Cascade Mountain near Seattle, Oregon, buried him alive. Another youth was entombed for nine hours before being rescued.

HISTADRUT WINS SEVEN SEATS AT RAMATAYIM

KFAR SABA, Monday. — The Histadrut here gained seven of the 15 seats on the new Hadar Ramatayim local council in yesterday's elections. Ninety per cent or 2,934 of the eligible voters cast their ballots. The Histadrut polled 1,225 votes, General Zionists 631 and three seats as against two seats on the previous Ramatayim council, Progressives 266 votes and two seats Mapam 242 and one seat, Poalei Agudat Israel 218 votes and one seat and Hapoel Hamizrahi 153 votes and one seat.

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On the first anniversary after the death of the late
SHLOMO ROSSIN
A memorial service will be held on Thursday, Feb. 12, 1953 (27th Shevat) at 10 a.m., at the Sanhedria Cemetery, Jerusalem. A bus will leave from Rossin's house, 231 Street of the Prophets, at 9.45 a. m.
THE FAMILY

The 30th day after the death of
Bernhard Kupferschmied (Adesgo)
a memorial meeting will be held in Kiryat Shaul, Tel Aviv, on Thursday, February 12 at 3 p.m.

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CRIME AGAINST GUESTS

THE bomb outrage against the Soviet Legation in Tel Aviv last night excites the deepest sympathy for the Minister of the U.S.S.R. and his staff: the treachery of the perpetrators will arouse the indignation of every decent-minded citizen in the country; and a sense of mortification will be common to all Israel.

The Minister and his staff are the guests of this nation. Only those conspiring to embroil this State with the Government of the U.S.S.R. will have thought that a loathsome action of this kind has a place in the quarrel which has been forced upon us as a result of recent Russian measures against Jews. However bitter the quarrel, however deep the causes that provoked it, the person of the Minister and of every single member of the Legation, and of their families, is inviolate.

It is not only diplomatic immunity that has been outraged by this monstrous attack, but common humanity. It will profoundly be hoped that the authorities will swiftly uncover the authors of this aberration, and that no time will be lost in bringing home to them and to any who are behind them the lessons from a crime of this enormity.

ISRAEL'S NEW SCHOOLS

UNIFICATION of Israel's elementary school system is one of the planks of the agreed programme between the Israel Labour Party and the General Zionists — and in turn with the Mazrahi — of the present Coalition. Before long this policy should take the form of law, and when this is done the separate trends system will go and in its place there will be a common basic curriculum for all schoolchildren between the ages of five and thirteen.

The minimum curriculum is designed to meet the wishes of parents in all classes of society who rightly see the elementary school as the ground for an awakening and flowering of curiosity and, therefore, the basis of true education. This wish is common—or should be—to parents of all children, however different their home environment. The abundant cultural heritage of the Jew can be made to go hand in hand with those elements of science that are basic to modern society; manual work and the tilling of the soil can and should be bracketed with love of country; purposeful pioneering is an almost natural corollary to social justice and equality.

With these the tasks of the Government elementary school, with an obligatory minimum curriculum for fee-less and compulsory schooling, there is reserved for the organized parent the right to ask for other subjects to be added to the basic syllabus. Such additions will make for diversity, though not the divergence obtaining under the trends system which was introduced under the Mandate when the Hebrew school had to fight for its rights and its very life. The minimum, in other words, is the floor, not the ceiling, and beyond the common denominator of achievement there is latitude for emphasis of specific values, whether of a religious or other extra-curricular kind.

The indivisible responsibility of the Ministry will be expressed in the supervision of religious education as part of the general supervision of schools; and it will be part of this responsibility to see to it that what is added is done in consultation with the State Educational Commission. Control and supervision of elementary schools, so essential to a unified system, leave many branches of education to public enterprise. Semi-public organizations have had a rich share in the shaping of our school system. The Histadrut, for one, has to its credit a proud network of schools of several types. Through its trade schools it has had an especially notable part in manual training and in secondary education; it has conducted kindergartens where, but for its efforts in this direction, none would have existed. These activities remain open to the Labour Federation as to other public-spirited bodies which can take up where the State system leaves off, at the point where the minimum elementary schooling is completed, or at the kindergarten age before free compulsory education begins.

COLLEGE BUILDING SHELTERS IMMIGRANTS

The former Arab College in Jerusalem's demilitarised zone which has been occupied by immigrants from the Talpiot ma'bara. At right is a student of the adjoining Agricultural Training Farm, from which the photograph was taken yesterday.

U.K.'s Stand on Formosa Issue

By WILLIAM CLARK

LONDON, (OFNS). — A SERIES of accidents resulted in Britain's recognizing the Peking Government while America recognizes the Formosa Government as the legitimate government of China. Bu Britain has no real contact with Peking while America through Chiang Kai-shek has no real contact with China. In sober fact neither country has any real diplomatic relations with the *de facto* government of China.

But Britain assumes (on the basis of the outlook in January 1950) that ultimately China will become friendly; America assumes that ultimately China will recognize its defea in the Korear war and become at least amenable to diplomatic pressure. Therefore Britain tries to soothe China (while fighting her in Korea) and America tries to defeat China without extending the war outside Korea. As a result any extension of the British policy looks like appeasement to America, and any development of the American policy looks like an extension of the war to British eyes. Hence the constant Anglo-American tension over the Far East since December 1950.

Those facts of life are fully recognized in Whitehall, and while the present American move is deplored, it is not regarded as disastrous. It is now known that small raids from Formosa to the mainland of China have been taking place ever since last November (after the American presidential election). If continued they will have no effect on the military situation, and will merely provide an excuse for Chinese Communist action if the Peking government is seeking such an excuse to extend or intensify the war in the Far East.

But Whitehall is aware of the great danger that the permission to raid may gradually be transformed into American support for those raids. What Mr. Eden sought from Mr. Dulles is a guarantee that Chiang Kai-shek will not be built up by American aid into a catspaw for attacking the mainland of China. Britain would not support such a war by proxy.

Intervention in Korea

Secondly, Mr. Eden wishes to make sure that there is no proposal to bring Chinese Nationalist troops into the war in Korea. If that were to happen, it is felt that the whole purpose of the United Nations' intervention in Korea would be lost by confusing a war to stop aggression with he perennial Chinese civil war.

Should Mr. Eden have failed to get these assurances the situation would become very serious indeed. The strong current of anti-American feeling in this country will then no longer be restrained by "informed opinion" which explains away American action as a gesture to domestic pressure. It would then be felt that President Eisenhower's demand that "Asians should be allowed to fight Asians" had assumed a new meaning quite out of tune with any possible British policy.

INDIAN OPINION 'SHOCKED'

NEW DELHI (OFNS). — "MIDWINTER madness" is how the "Times of India" describes President Eisenhower's decision to withdraw the American Seventh Fleet's orders to check offensive action from Formosa. This summarizes the characteristic reaction of Delhi which nowdays is politically Asia's important sounding-box.

Indian official circles are silent on the decision; not even any inspired comment is obtainable, but President Eisenhower's decision is seen by Indian observers of foreign affairs as directly contrary to India's entire policy in the Far East and therefore in the nature of a sharp slap in the face for this country. President Truman's policy of "insulating" Formosa was warmly supported here as an attempt to confine the Korean war to the narrowest front; President Eisenhower appears, to Indian opinion, to be doing his best to spread the war.

The comment mostly takes the line that distrust of the Republican Party expressed earlier has been justified more quickly even than was expected. The more cynical commentators doubt whether Chiang Kai-shek's hit-and-run raids from Formosa, however much running is involved, will mean much in the way of hitting.

AUSSIES CRITICAL

SYDNEY, (OFNS). — The Australian Government has not yet denfied its attitude toward President Eisenhower's decision to withdraw the American Seventh Fleet's orders to check offensive action from Formosa, but the leading newspapers here are expressing fears similar to those voiced by the British press.

Australians are naturally pleased to see the new President of the United States taking a lively interest in the defence of South-East Asia to which their own destiny is so closely tied, but they doubt the wisdom of his attempt to bring Chiang Kai-shek back into the picture. The freeing of Chiang's limited and ill-equipped forces in Formosa for raids against the Chinese Communists is seen as a somewhat desperate military gamble rather than a wise piece of statesmanship.

MONTOR SEES RETURN TO 'SPIRIT OF '48'

Better U.J.A. and Bonds Outlook

By JESSE ZEL LURIE

NEW YORK.— "Nineteen fiftythree promises to be an excellent year for the Isral bond drive and the United Jewish Appeal," Henry Montor, bond drive director, told pressmen this week, as U.J.A. leaders were heading south to Miami where they expect a record-breaking "kick-off" meeting for the national U.J.A. campaign on February 15.

The reasons for this outbreak of optimism after four years of constantly-declining collections since the 1948 campaign are two-fold:

- Business is good and businessmen are confident that their colleagues who head the Eisenhower administration will keep it that way. The spring campaigns last year were marred by a temporary decline in textiles and other soft goods industries in which large numbers of Jewish contributors are concentrated. This year business is booming.
- The sudden outbreak of anti-Semitism in Eastern Europe is expected to open the hearts and purse strings of many "big givers" who have been cutting their contributions.

"A return to the spirit of 1948," is what Mr. Montor expects. From his meetings this month throughout the country he has reasons to hope that his expectations will be realized.

New Situation

Mr. Montor is revamping the bond campaign to meet the new situation. His organization will concentrate this year on securing large sums from the wealthy strata, as it did in 1951. The costly mass sales and large rallies of 1952, (which besides selling bonds had a definite public relations value for the State of Israel) will not be continued in 1953. The United Jewish Appeal will pull out all the stops in its 1953 campaign. "In the light of the situation in Eastern Europe," says its advance release on the Miami conference, the contributors are expected to set higher "giving standards" than at any time since 1946.

Last year, with no emergency in Eastern Europe, the Miami conference set an all-time record for opening the campaign with pledges of $11,300,000. The U.J.A. workers expect to set a new record this year. They will be led once more by Edward M.M. Warburg, General Chairman, and Joseph J. Schwartz, Executive Vice Chairman, while Samuel H. Daroff of Philadelphia will replace Morris W. Berinstein of Syracuse, as chairman of the national campaign cabinet.

A record-breaking inaugural meeting in Miami followed by a successful campaign will not solve all the U.J.A.'s problems. There's an intermediary between the donor and the U.J.A. which is the local welfare fund and each year more of the money is sticking in the local pocket. In 1948, the U.J.A. received about 64 per cent of the net amount raised by the welfare funds. In 1952 this percentage had dropped to less than 50.

To cover up this sad decline, the Council of Welfare Funds, has been putting up a smoke-screen. Its research director, Dr. Harold Glasser, said in a recent speech in Boston:

"The proportion of total funds going to Israel has been raised during the past years. In 1948, only 43 per cent of funds raised for national and overseas purposes was devoted to Israel. In 1951 it was 61 per cent."

Dr. Glasser ignores the fact that in this brief span, Israel took in whole Jewish communities from areas where the J.D.C. was active, thus reducing the non-Israel share of the U.J.A. budget. Incidentally, according to Dr. Glasser's figures, Israel's 43 per cent in 1948 amounted to $83m. while in 1951 its 61 per cent was only $72m.

UJA's Share

The decline is, of course, due mainly to the decreased collections since 1948. But what bothers the U.J.A. is the disproportionate cut in the UJA's share. This was especially marked in 1952, final returns of which are now coming in from all over the country. Almost without exception, the burden of decreased collections was laid on the U.J.A. while local charities received the same amounts as in previous years. Indianapolis (scene of 1952's biggest U.J.A.-Bond disagreement) raised $73,000 less and cut the U.J.A. allocation by $71,000 or 22 per cent. I have two dozen other reports from cities, large and small, and with one or two exceptions, they all did the same thing. The exceptions are Miami which raised the same as last year and Hartford which increased its U.J.A. allocation by $50,000 or 12 per cent.

The other 22 cities cut the U.J.A. allocation from five to 35 per cent: Buffalo, less $87,000 or 15 per cent; Cincinatti less $133,000 or almost 20 per cent; San Francisco less $20,000 or 12 per cent; Harrisburg less $32,000 or 25 per cent; Nashville less $40,000 or 30 per cent; Perth Amboy less $30,000 or 25 per cent; Salt Lake City less $40,000 or 30 per cent; Albany less $50,000 or 20 per cent; Houston less $85,000 or 25 per cent and New Brunswick less $35,000 or 35 per cent.

BONDS-U.J.A. HARMONY IN COMMUNITIES

NEW YORK.— The close inter-relationship that should exist between the Bonds and the U.J.A. is being emphasized in a number of communities where top personalities in the Bond campaign are being invited to share in Welfare Fund leadership.

Nathaniel Kann, who has served as Acting Chairman of the Israel Bond Committee in Pittsburgh and who is one of the outstanding national spokesmen for the Israel Bond campaign, has accepted the Chairmanship of the 1953 campaign of the United Jewish Fund in Pittsburgh. Mr. Kann is responsible for one of the foremost records in the nation of Israel Bond purchases and sales.

Louis A. Kasen, who has served since the inception of the Bond campaign in Essex County, New Jersey, as County Bond Chairman and Chairman of the Labour Division, has been named 1953 Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal of Essex County. The closeness of Mr. Kasen to the Bond campaign is reflected in the fact that the first Bond subscription in 1951 was sold at a meeting in his home.

Samuel Daroff, who served for two years as Chairman and is now Honorary Chairman of the Bond campaign in Philadelphia, has been designated as Chairman of the National Campaign Cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal.

Men and Things

IF the old saying "Money makes money" has been proved false a million times by drooling idiots who sewed sacks of sovereigns into their mattresses and expected the coins there to breed other coins, it has been proved true by the ancient and modern practisers of usury. To specialize in providing an impecunious public with the right coins at the right times is clearly a skill which deserves ample remuneration.

But to earn money from handling money, and so delight the goddess Juno, from whose surname Moneta the word "money" derives, the clever financier must usually fasten his Midas touch on examples of more than one currency and make use of the conflicting regulations of different countries. Then, by the simple device of swallowing paper money, crossing a frontier, regurgitating the money camel-wise and selling it to another criminal — preferably a relative — he achieves affluence. And since affluence brings kudos, and the right to responsible citizenship and beautiful admirers, the young financier should repeat the process as often as his conscience prevents him leading an honest life. But if his nerve should fail him at the sight of Customs officers with X-ray cameras, then let him wend his way to the British Isles, where a national shortage of shillings has been caused by the gas-meters which demand them in return for thermal service.

If he can obtain plenty of shillings from a bank, he will be able to sell them for one-and-threepence each. A 25 per cent return, obtained within the law, should revive his courage and fortify his conscience for a return to the proper currency battlefield when the warm weather returns.

B.S.

PRESIDENT RECEIVES DR. BUNCHE

The President and Dr. Ralph Bunche in a smiling mood when the former Mediator called on Mr. and Mrs. Ben-Zvi in Jerusalem on Sunday.
Photos by Schlesinger

Readers' Letters

FOOD HYGIENE

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — The excellent articles appearing recently in *The POST* by Gerda L. Cohen on food hygiene tell only part of the story and as far as public health is concerned they underestimate the gravity of the situation. Unless the downward trend is checked soon, Israel will rapidly approach the low level of the neighbouring countries with all the tremendous social and economic consequences this will entail.

To remedy the situation before it is too late and without the expenditure of large sums of money, public committees should be formed in all towns and villages consisting of prominent citizens, doctors, nurses, social workers, members of womens' organizations, housewives etc. These committees should be independent of political parties or pressure groups of any kind and, working together with the Health Authorities, should be authorized to inspect factories, shops, restaurants and other public places; and to make the results of their investigations public. Unhygienic establishments should be warned and "badges of honour" given for display where merited. These committees should also organize clean-up campaigns in town and village. In short, they should act as public watch dogs, prodding the local and national authorities whenever necessary.

Yours, etc.
(Dr.) H. POLLAK
Nahariya, February 4.

CORONATION GESTURE

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — It has been stated that the unction for the anointing of Queen Elizabeth II at her coronation ceremony will have to be made up afresh as supplies kept from the days of Queen Victoria were destroyed by enemy action.

It would be a pleasant gesture, if the State of Israel supplied for this occasion a "Hin" (-6.074 litres) of olive oil, as one of the ingredients indicated in the famous Biblical Coronation recipe (Exodus 30:24).

Though Israel is not a member of the British Commonwealth, I am certain the gift would be appreciated as a token of friendship.

Yours, etc., *M.P.*
Jerusalem, January 31.
(Name and address supplied)

KIBBUTZ TELEPHONE

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — The Department of Posts and Telegraphs will shortly open a telephone exchange at Kfar Menahem. This will put an end to the reputation we have long had for being cut off from the world. When we first settled here thirteen years ago in the heart of an Arab area, we had no safe lines of communication — our only link with the rest of the country being a seven kms. road impassable to vehicular traffic. In 1949, however, our road was paved, and only the absence of a telephone gave us the feeling of being away from everything. The installation of the exchange will symbolize for us the development of Israel. Today we are in the heart of the Yishuv.

Yours etc.,
MEHUDA BEN HORIN
Kfar Menahem, Feb. 1.

COURTESY NEEDED

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — At 3.45 p.m. this afternoon I was standing at the No.1 bus terminus of Hamekesher in Montefiore.

As my turn came to enter the bus, I bent down to pick up the small child who was with me when to my amazement the driver slammed the door in my face and drove off. I was knocked off my balance with the child in my arms. The bus was practically empty.

I asked the driver of the next bus, who had witnessed the incident, the number the vehicle which had preceded him and the name of the driver. He not only refused me this information but was exceedingly offensive. He asked me from where I came and when I told him I came from England, he told me to go back there if I wasn't satisfied with conditions here.

It would seem that a local 'Operation Courtesy' is badly needed.

Yours etc.
(Mrs.) *T. PLOTEK*
Jerusalem, January 28.

BACKWARD CHILDREN

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — We read with deep satisfaction the letter of Dr. Hede Abraham in your issue of January 25 concerning the behaviour of the public towards backward children and other handicapped persons. We are sending a copy of this letter to the headmasters of all Jerusalem schools with the request that they talk about this difficult educational problem with their pupils.

Yours, etc.
AGUDAH LEKIMUM YELADIM MEFAGRIM
Jerusalem, January 28.

TEL AVIV ART NOTES

Zionah Tagger

THE Zionah Tagger exhibition at the Israel Painters' and Sculptors' Association (Albarizi Street), is the eighth personal show this artist has held in Tel Aviv during the last 20 years and contains works from various periods. Over 20 oil paintings, a similar number of watercolours and 25 chalk drawings "Impressions of Paris" are on view.

Zionah Taggar is a sober and conscientious artist who keeps close to her subject and finds her happiest inspiration in the landscape of Israel and the streets of Paris. She has strong feeling for the decorative elements in a picture and her composition, whatever the subject she treats, is always good. Her work has both unity and coherence but she unfortunately lacks sensitivity to colour. In her oils, too often the contrasts are violent leading to a poster-like effect and in many of the watercolours there is a want of freshness and spontaneity. Among the oils, however, she has a fine set of Ein Karem paintings. In these the colour schemes are kept pale and high in key, conveying a feeling of heat and quiet while they are painted with an attractive broad simplicity. The vitality of a small oil study of a woman marketing (No. 1) arrests attention as does the finely balanced portrait, "Talpa".

Outstanding among the watercolours is "Paysage" (No. 22) with its flowing lines and telling use of blue, the "Ein Karem Church," the "Olives near Safad" (No. 9) and a freshly painted sketch of Jaffa by the sea. In all these fidelity to nature coupled with a light touch have resulted in some charming works.

The reviewer's choice among the exhibits fell on the "Paris Impressions" where there is scarcely a work that is not atmospheric and very well drawn. Inspecting these works one feels that Zionah Taggar loved Paris and that she felt at home there, and she manages to convey this feeling of intimacy to the spectator. The entrance to the Metro becomes as interesting a subject as the flying buttresses of Notre Dame. This is a good series and one would like to see Miss Tagger do a similar set of Jerusalem or Safad streets.

S.W.

Census Questionnaires

The Ministry of Finance wishes to draw the attention of all persons who have received census questionnaires to the fact that they have to return the completed questionnaires to the Income Tax Department within 7 days of receiving them.

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